

Reducing the cost of living

Relief on electricity bills

- The government will introduce legislation that will rebate — directly on consumers' monthly residential electricity bills — the provincial portion of the Harmonized Sales Tax, an eight per cent saving
- The rebate would go into effect on January 1, 2017
- Eligible rural and remote customers will receive additional savings, which would result in an on-bill monthly saving of about 20 per cent — about \$45 a month

Energy-saving home retrofits

- The government is investing \$100 million to help about 37,000 homeowners conduct audits and identify energy-saving opportunities and complete retrofits, such as replacing furnaces and water heaters and upgrading insulation

Removing the Debt Retirement Charge from electricity bills

- This measure is saving a typical residential electricity user about \$70 each year with the removal of the Debt Retirement Charge, as of January 1, 2016

Ontario Electricity Support Program

- The new Ontario Electricity Support Program (OESP), which is now accepting applications, will help make electricity more affordable for low-income families
- The OESP was developed by the Ontario Energy Board and is designed to lower electricity bills through an on-bill credit. Consumers will receive an on-bill credit of between \$30 and \$50 a month